#### Driving Innovation Through Leadership:

### A Woman's Perspective

# "Nothing's Changed - Everything's Changed"

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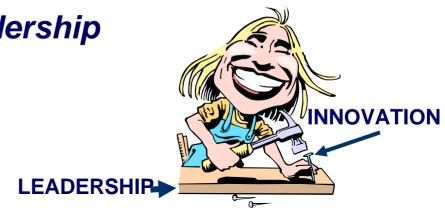
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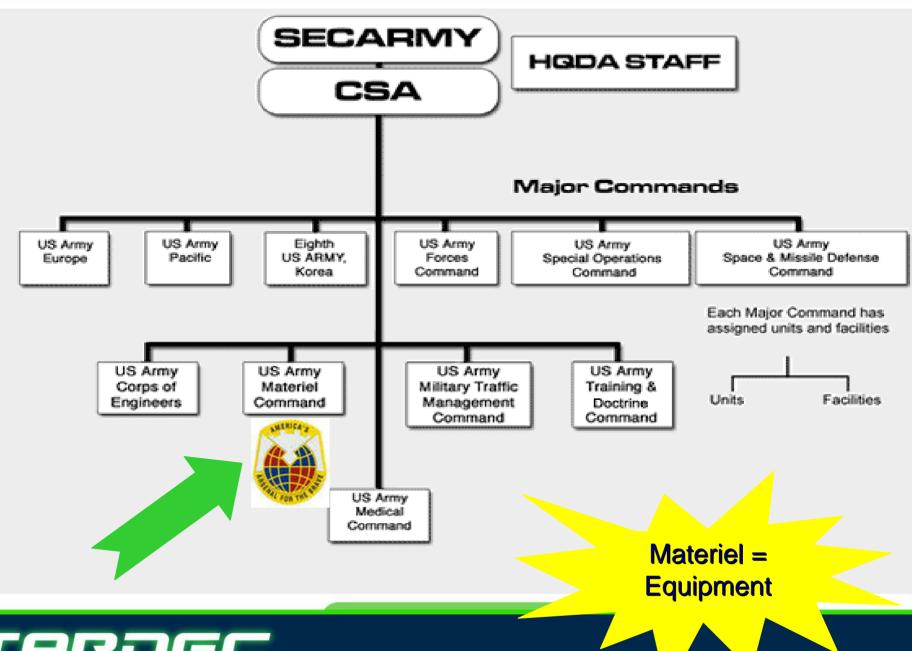


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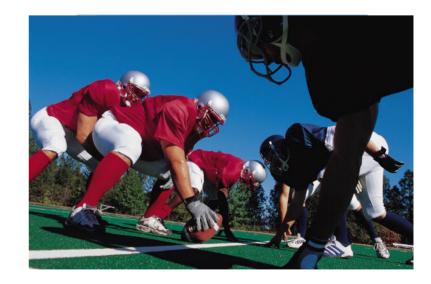
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Join the Team

Work hard

You're NOT on the Team\*



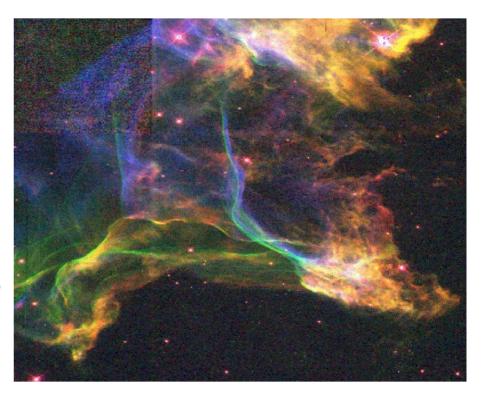
\*Games Mother Never Taught You Betty Lehan Harragan (1978)

# Driving Innovation **Through Leadership**Everything's Changed

- It's the Learning Organization\* that drives innovation
- Competence
  - Personal Mastery
  - Mental models
  - Building shared vision
  - Team learning
  - Systems Thinking
- One competent woman can positively influence her organization

\*The Fifth Discipline: The Art & Practice of The Learning Organization

Peter M. Senge (1st Edition, 1994)



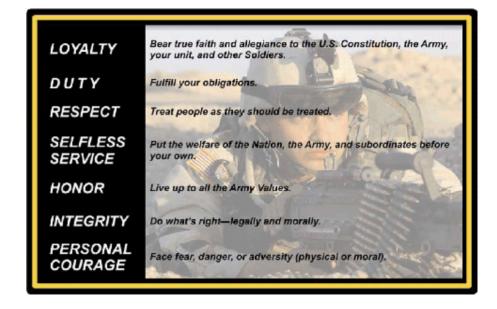
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# Driving Innovation Through Leadership The Army Values: Competence AND CHARACTER

Leaders can be trained\*

- CompetenceAND
- CHARACTER



"Moral courage is the most valuable and usually the most absent characteristic in men."

General George S. Patton, Jr

\*Leadership Education and Development (LEAD)
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U.S. Army Command and General Staff College
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas FY05



#### Driving Innovation Through Leadership!

"Your peer group determines your next success."

LTC Mike Cannon to Great Lakes Chapter Federally Employed Women (FEW) 1995

- Professional Associations and Networking
- Courage isn't enough –
   The Shannon Faulkner Story
- Without a peer group, your LEADERSHIP is limited



Image from CNN U.S. News Year in Review 1995

### Recommended Reading

- Games Mother Never Taught You
   Betty Lehan Harragan (1978)
- The Fifth Discipline: The Art & Practice of The Learning Organization
   Peter M. Senge (1st Edition, 1994)
   Also http://www.infed.org/thinkers/senge.htm
- Leadership Education and Development (LEAD)
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- <u>Field Manual (FM 1)</u> The Army (June 2005) http://www.army.mil/fm1/index.html
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